GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS
LOK SABHA

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EQUITY IN HINDUSTAN INSECTICIDES LIMITED HIL
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Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to offload majority equity in Hindustan Insecticides Limited (HIL);

(b) if so, whether some organizations and unions of HIL oppose the move of the Government as it is the only producer of DDT used for eradication of Malaria;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) the reaction of the Government thereon with the further steps likely to be taken by the Government in this regard; and

(e) the profit/loss incurred by the HIL during each of the last three years, till date?

Answer

The Minister of State in the MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS & FERTILIZE (SHRI RAMESH BAIS)

(a): Disinvestment in HIL has been approved in principal.

(b): Yes, Sir.

(c): Representations including from HIL employees unions have been received againstdisinvestment in HIL in view of its reputation and status as the monopoly manufacturers of DDT in the country and implications of the proposed disinvestment on NationalHealth Programme and the Agriculture sector.

(d): Concerns expressed by these organizations have been noted.

(e): The losses incurred by HIL are as under:

(Rs. in crore)

1997-98	(-) 1.97
1998-99	(-) 5.58
1999-2000(prov.)	(-) 13.81